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Main Entry: **hi·er·ar·chy**

Pronunciation: 'hī-(&-)"rär-kE also 'hi(-&)r-"är-

Function: *noun*Inflected Form(s): *plural -chies***1** : a division of angels

2 a : a ruling body of clergy organized into orders or ranks
 each subordinate to the one above it; *especially* : the bishops
 of a province or nation **b** : church government by a
 hierarchy

3 : a body of persons in authority

4 : the classification of a group of people according to
 ability or to economic, social, or professional standing;
also : the group so classified

5 : a graded or ranked series <Christian *hierarchy* of
 values> <a machine's *hierarchy* of responses>

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